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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 18, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5611 and HB 5612:

HB 5611 (Farrington)              Higher education; community colleges; levy, collection, and return of taxes; prohibit in certain circumstances.

HB 5612 (Farrington)              Property tax; payment and collection; collection of taxes levied by community college districts; prohibit in certain circumstances.

Substitute (H-2) was adopted to HB 5611 during the May 18, 2016 meeting.

Mike Krombeen, representing the Midwest Strategy Group, and Lake Michigan College, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 5611 and HB 5612, but did not wish to speak.

Mia McNeil, representing Henry Ford College, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 5611 and HB 5612, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Howrylak offered the following amendment to HB 5611 (H-2):

1. Amend page 4, following line 19, by inserting:  
"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution O of the 98<sup>th</sup> Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of the 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5611, as substitute (H-2).

The motion failed by a vote of 4-9-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Howrylak, Glenn, Clemente, and LaVoy.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Iden, Webber, Townsend, and Byrd.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 5611 as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-3-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Howrylak, Glenn, and LaVoy.

PASS: Representatives Chatfield and Iden.

Representative Howrylak offered the following amendment to HB 5612:

1. Amend page 9, following line 21, by inserting:

“Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution O of the 98<sup>th</sup> Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of the 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.”.

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt the amendment to HB 5612.

The motion failed by a vote of 4-9-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Howrylak, Glenn, Clemente, and LaVoy.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Iden, Webber, Townsend, and Byrd.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 5612, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-3-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Howrylak, Glenn, and LaVoy.  
PASS: Representatives Chatfield and Iden.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 651, SB 652, and SB 653:

SB 651	(Booher)	Taxation; commercial forest; tax for properties enrolled in commercial forest program; create, and transfer into qualified forest program.
SB 652	(Booher)	Property tax; exemptions; exemption for transitional qualified forest property; create.
SB 653	(Casperson)	Natural resources; forests; withdrawal of properties enrolled in commercial forest program; permit without penalty for transitional qualified forest property.

Chairman Farrington explained the changes in substitutes (H-1) to SB 651 and SB 653.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 651.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.  
NAYS: None.  
PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 651 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.  
NAYS: Representative Somerville.  
PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 652, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representative Somerville.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 653.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 653 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representative Somerville.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:45 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
May 25, 2016  
15 minutes